



Sheriff Mark J. Dannels

On November 6th, 2012, Mark J. Dannels was elected by the citizens of Cochise County to serve as their 26th Sheriff.

Sheriff Mark J. Dannels is a 31 year veteran of law enforcement. He holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Aspen University and is a Certified Public Manager from Arizona State University. He has over 3000 hours of law enforcement training in his portfolio. He attended Disney's Leadership and Executive Training programs and is a graduate of the Rural Executive Management Institute. He began his law enforcement career in 1984 after serving a successful tour in the United States Army. He progressed through the ranks with the Cochise County Sheriff's Office to the position of Deputy Commander after working numerous specialty assignments and leadership roles to include an appointment by the Governor for his efforts directed toward highway and community safety.

Sheriff Dannels is a long time member of the Fraternal Order of Police, current member of the National Sheriffs Association, Southwest Border Sheriffs, Western Sheriffs Association, Arizona Sheriffs Association, Arizona Homeland Security-South Regional Advisory Council, Arizona POST Board, Arizona Sexual Assault Task Force, Past Chair-Alliance to Combat Transnational Threats, Border Security Advisory Council, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Cochise Family Advocacy Center, 88-Cime and serves on several community service groups; San Pedro Kiwanis, Just Kids Inc., CASA, Sierra Vista Elks, the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista, the varsity wrestling coach at Buena High School, and instructs at Wayland Baptist University. Sheriff Dannels participates in many community outreach programs such as Project Graduation, Sizzle, Stocking Stuffers, Community Haunted House, Men who Cook, Boys & Girls Club Kars for Kids, and Shop with a Cop.

Sheriff Dannels has been recognized and received the Medal of Valor, Sheriff's Medal, Deputy of the year, Distinguished Service Award, Unit Citation Award, National Police Hall of Fame, Lifesaving Award and dozens of community-service awards from service groups and governmental organizations.

Sheriff Dannels is married to Nickie, who is a Registered Nurse. They have three sons, Justin, a police officer with the City of Sierra Vista, Ryan who works as a firefighter with the Sierra Vista Fire Department, and Corey, a college student.

Sheriff Dannels has 3 primary objectives: Organizational Development, Border Security and Community Outreach.

"A Sheriff for All the People"